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TO AMEMBASSY KAMPALA IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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SUBJECT: US-GOU RELATIONS

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1. UNLESS POST HAS STRONG REASONS TO CONTRARY, GIVEN  
MOUNTING TENSENESS IN MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, AMIN'S ANTI-  
ISRAEL OBSESSIONS, HIS WONT TO BELIEVE THE WORST ABOUT U.S.  
INVOLVEMENT IN THE CONFLICT IRRESPECTIVE OF FACT, HIS  
THREATS TO AMERICANS AND HIS HIGHLY IMPULSIVE AND UNPREDICT-  
ABLE BEHAVIOR, DEPT DESIRES TO MOVE EXPEDITIOUSLY TO  
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REDUCE OUR OFFICIAL PRESENCE IN KAMPALA TO ABSOLUTE MINIMUM.

IN OUR VIEW MINIMUM LEVEL MIGHT CONSIST OF CHARGE, CONSULAR OFFICER, SECRETARY AND ONE TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, PLUS PRESENT MARINE SECURITY GUARD CONTINGENT. AT POST DISCRETION, YOU MIGHT WISH SLIGHTLY DELAY DEPARTURE OF ADMIN OFFICER AND ONE COMMUNICATOR. WE WILLING BE GUIDED BY YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS. CHARGE SHOULD BEGIN TAKING STEPS TO ACCOMPLISH PROMPT WITHDRAWAL OF ALL OTHER PERSONNEL AND ALL DEPENDENTS. IN THIS CONNECTION, ASSUMING AMIN TRAVELS TO NEW YORK TO ADDRESS UNGA, BELIEVE PERIOD OF HIS ABSENCE WOULD PROVIDE TIMELY OPPORTUNITY FOR BULK OF PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES TO DEPART. WE WOULD HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT SOME DEPENDENTS COULD LEAVE FOR NAIROBI ON STAGGERED BASIS EVEN BEFORE THEN.

2. WHILE WE CANNOT OF COURSE BE CERTAIN, WE BELIEVE THAT UNDER THIS PLAN MOST PERSONS COULD TRAVEL TO NAIROBI

IN THEIR PRIVATE VEHICLES. WE WOULD APPROVE CHARTER AIRCRAFT KAMPALA-NAIROBI IF IT BECAME NECESSARY AND YOU SO RECOMMENDED (PARA 2 REFTEL). FOR TIME BEING, HOWEVER, WE WOULD PREFER THAT EMBASSY NAIROBI HOLD OFF INVESTIGATING CHARTER POSSIBILITIES UNTIL IT IS CLEAR WHETHER POST WILL PROCEED WITH IMMEDIATE GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL AND WHETHER TRAVEL BY CAR IS FEASIBLE.

3. ALTHOUGH DEFERRING TO YOUR JUDGMENT ON WHICH COUNTRY WOULD BE IN BEST POSITION TO REPRESENT OUR INTERESTS SHOULD AMIN BREAK RELATIONS WITH US, WE PREFER TO DELAY ANY APPROACH TO FRG, MAINLY BECAUSE OF POSSIBILITY THAT OUR CONTINGENCY PLANNING COULD BECOME KNOWN IN KAMPALA THROUGH AMBASSADOR KOPF.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO INFORM PRIVATE AMCITS IN UGANDA THAT IN VIEW AMIN'S RECENT THREATENING AND HOSTILE STATEMENTS WE CONSIDER IT IN THEIR BEST INTERESTS TO MAKE PLANS LEAVE COUNTRY.

5. AF/E DIRECTOR WILL SEE ETIANG IN NEW YORK, IF LATTER COMES AS SCHEDULED, TO DISCUSS ALL ASPECTS OF SITUATION WITH HIM AND, SUBJECT POST'S CONCURRENCE, TO INFORM  
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HIM OF OUR INTENTIONS TO REDUCE STAFF EVEN FURTHER. HE WILL EXPLAIN TO ETIANG THAT WE ARE NOT PLANNING BREAK RELATIONS BUT IN VIEW OF AMIN'S PUBLIC THREATS TO AMERICAN CITIZENS IN UGANDA, WHICH WE CONSIDER INTOLERABLE, WE ARE LEFT WITH NO CHOICE BUT TO WITHDRAW BULK OF OUR PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES GIVEN THE UNACCEPTABLE RISKS THEY FACE IN UGANDA. AF/E DIRECTOR WILL ALSO INFORM ETIANG THAT WE ADVISING PRIVATE

AMCITS IN UGANDA TO LEAVE. KISSINGER

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